

CHILDREN'S TREASURY.

WHAT IS THE BIBLE LIKE?

1. It is like a large, beautiful tree, that bears sweet fruit for those who are hungry, and affords shelter and shade for pilgrims on their way to the Kingdom of Heaven.

2. It is like a cabinet of jewels and precious stones, which are not only to be looked at and admired, but used and worn.

3. It is like a telescope, which brings distinct objects and far-off things of the world very near, so that we can see something of their beauty and importance.

4. It is like a treasure-house, a store-house of all sorts of valuable and useful things, and which are to be had without money and without price.

5. It is like a deep, broad, calm, flowing river, the banks of which are deep and flowery; where birds sing and lambs play, and dear little children are loving and happy.

6. It is God's book. It is the best book. It is a book for little children as well as old people. I hope you will learn, and learn to sing too, that beautiful hymn—

"Holy Bible, book divine,
Precious treasure, thou art mine."

THE CHINAMAN AND HIS KNIFE

"Ah-sin is a Chinaman who became a Christian. He has left his joss, and idol-house, and goes to the house of God. He has left his idols and come to Jesus. One day when he visited America, he went to a shop to buy a knife. The man showed him two,—the one at sixpence, and the other at one shilling and sixpence. Ah-sin chose the one at the highest price, yet the shopkeeper took only sixpence. When Ah-sin reached home he found out the mistake.

Was he glad that the shopkeeper

had cheated himself? and did he say "I will let the mistake go, as the loss is all on his side, and the gain is all on mine?" No. "I will go directly back," he said, "and give the man the shilling." So back he went, two miles, and paid the shopman his just due. He thanked Ah-sin for his pains. Chinamen are called "cheats," but you see that the grace of God can turn cheats into honest men.

THE TRUE COMPASS.

"Well, my boy, so you are going to try your fortune in the city? I tell you it is a dangerous ocean on which to launch your craft," said a man to his neighbour's son.

"Yes, sir," answered the lad, taking his Bible from his pocket; "but you see I've got a safe compass to steer by!"

"Stick to it, stick to it!" cried the man, "and the devil cannot hurt so much as a hair of your head."

SUPERSTITIONS OF AFRICA.

In one country of Africa, a particular kind of snake is worshipped as God, and the priests are called, "priests of the snake." The snake-house is in a beautiful grove, and the deity is the chief and largest of snakes. He is said to be as thick as a man, and the oldest of all snakes. Once in a while, his snakeship goes out to take the air; and everyone whom the snake touches goes distracted, and houses are prepared in all the villages for these young maniacs. The cry of "The snake, the snake!" fills them all with great terror.

The Ashantees, who are among the most polished negroes in Western Africa, are gross idolaters. They say, that in the beginning, God created three black men, and three white men, and the same number of women, and